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REMARKS

The specification is amended to correct a clerical error and for proper punctuation. Dependent claims 14 and 15 are amended for clarity. Applicants note the indication that claims 9-22 are allowable.

Independent claims 1, 5, and 25 are amended to define Applicants' contribution to the art with greater particularity. Amended independent claims 1, 5, and 25 are not anticipated by Chen (U.S. 2004/0165219), cited in the Office Action in rejecting claims 1-8 and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claims 1 and 25 require different glyphs to have different intensities and shapes and the shape of a particular glyph to define the optical density and encoding of that particular glyph. Paragraph 34 of Chen indicates the glyphs have different shapes for encoding, but there is no disclosure of the shape of a particular glyph defining the optical density of that particular glyph.

Amended claim 5 distinguishes over Chen by requiring information encoding glyphs having different bulk optical properties to form an image or image portion. In Chen, the glyphs all appear to have the same bulk optical properties.

New claims 26 and 27 indicate that the different shapes of the different glyphs are formed by different combination of abutting elements having the same size and shape, as is evident from FIG. 1 of the present application. In Chen, the glyphs have different shapes by virtue of the inclination angles thereof.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance are deemed in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

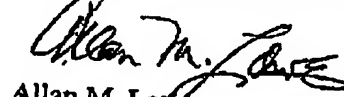
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